

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1-17 and 26-32 are canceled. Claims 18-25 stand rejected. Claim 18 is an independent claim. The remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from the independent claims. Claims 18 and 25 have been amended. Claim 26 has been added.

Applicant has amended the application to list claims 26 through 32 as canceled. Applicant has renumbered new claim 26 to claim 33.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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